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RESPONSE

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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The present communication is responsive to the official action of July 10, 2007. Claims 1-15 presently appear in this case. No claims have been allowed. The official action of July 10, 2007, has now been carefully studied. Reconsideration and allowance are hereby respectfully urged.

Briefly, the present invention relates to the use of certain synthetic peptides for the treatment of systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE). The synthetic peptides are based on a complementarity-determining region (CDR) of the heavy or light chain of a pathogenic anti-DNA monoclonal antibody that induces an SLE-like disease in mice, or a salt or derivative